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SUBJECT: US PROPOSES DATES FOR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION
AND ECONOMIC EXPERTS MEETINGS

1. THE USG HAS PROPOSED TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC INFORMATION BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19, FOLLOWED BY THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 21 AND 22. TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY SUGGESTED THESE DATES TO SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MKRTUMOV DURING LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 16. MKRTUMOV EXPECTS THEM TO BE APPROVED IN MOSCOW, BUT ASKED THAT THE PROPOSAL BE PUT TO HIM IN WRITING. THIS WAS DONE IN A FOLLOW-UP LETTER FROM PARSKY TO MKRTUMOV ON SEPTEMBER 2L. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

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2. BEGIN TEXT. THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR DISCUSSION THAT ON

BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, SECRETARY SIMON
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MINISTER PATOLICHEV TO HOLD THE
SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

ON OCTOBER 21 AND 22. FURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST
THAT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS
BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19.

SECRETARY SIMON AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY
WITH MINISTERS PATOLICHEV, MANZHULO AND YOU TO ENSURE
THAT BOTH MEETINGS ARE PRODUCTIVE AND OF BENEFIT TO BOTH
COUNTRIES. WE WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO MATCH THE KIND
HOSPITALITY SHOWN US AT LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS IN MOSCOW,
BUT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE VISIT AN
ENJOYABLE ONE. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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